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1. REF A INFORMED AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO THAT BASED ON OUR GORM SUBMISSION (REF B), AS WELL AS OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, EC SECTION STAFF WOULD BE REDUCED BY ONE US OFFICER POSITION (NO. 21-108), OFFICIALLY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1979. IN FACT REDUCTION HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE FSO-3 LUDLOW FLOWER'S REASSIGNMENT TO EC COUNSELOR POSITION JULY 19.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT GIVEN THIS EVENTUALITY OUR GORM ANALYSIS CONCLUDED THAT SUCH A POSITION REDUCTION IMPLIED A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGIONAL RESOURCES ATTACHE IN LA PAZ FOR BOTH ROUTINE AND VOLUNTARY MINERALS REPORTING ON CHILE.

3. IN VIEW OF RRA CURRY'S IMMINENT TRANSFER AND REASSIGNMENT, WE HOPE THAT REPLACEMENT IS AWARE THAT POSITION NOW HAS A BRIEF FOR CHILE, CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CASE WHEN AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO HAD A POSITIONSUBSTANTIALY DEVOTED TO MINERALS MATTERS. WE, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT NEW RRA BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF MINERALS

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REPORTING FROM CHILE AND THAT HE KEEP THE CHILEAN DIMENSION IN MIND AS HE TOUCHES BASE IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, PARTICULARLY SO WITH THE BUREAU OF MINES. FURTHERMORE, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENTS'S AND EMBASSY LA PAZ'S CONCURRENCE WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT RRA PLAN TO VISIT CHILE MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY THAN PREVIOUS ENCUMBENT. THREE TO FOUR VISITS PER YEAR WOULD BE IDEAL BEGINNING WITH CONSULTATIVE VISIT SOON

AFTER ARRIVAL AT POST IN ORDER THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY OUR SEPARATE
RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO PLAN OUR REPORTING AGENDA.
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